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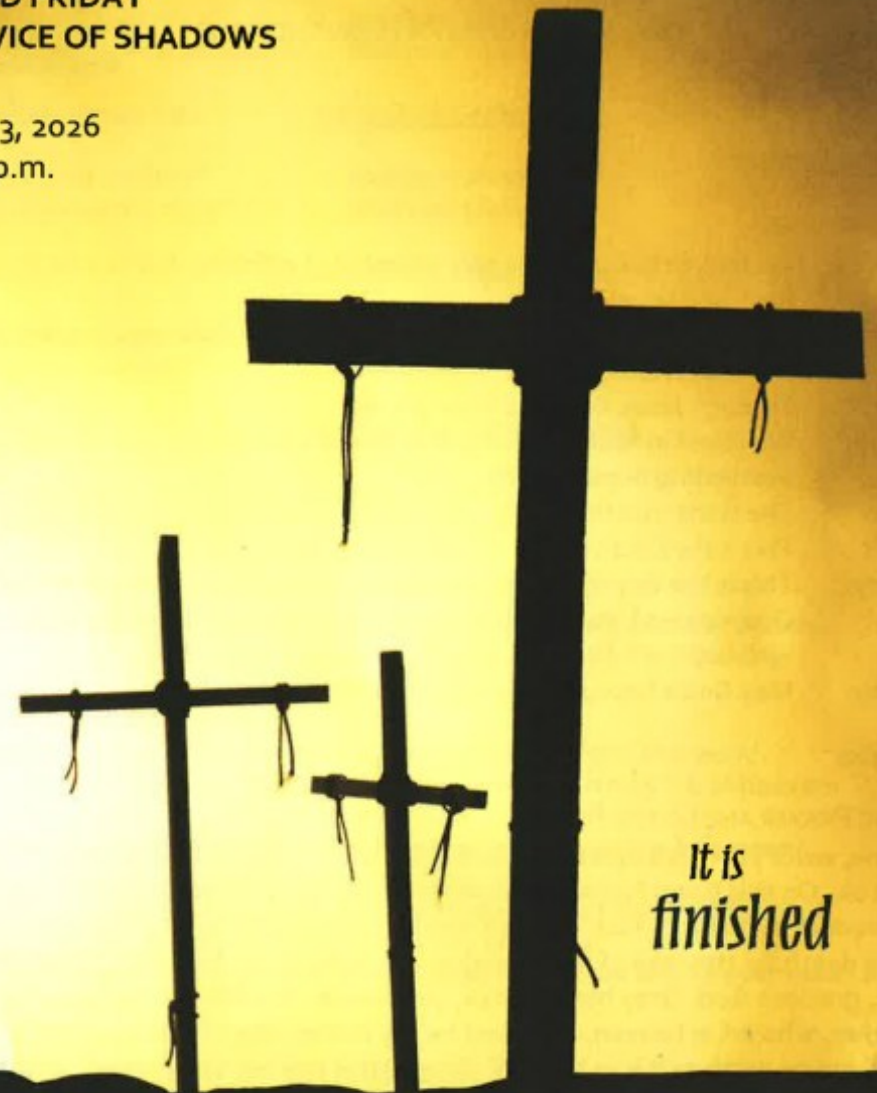
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GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE OF SHADOWS

April 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.



PRELUDES *Three Settings of the PASSION CHORALE* Johann Walther
Dietrich Buxtehude
J. S. Bach

INTENTION SETTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We look to the cross not only a symbol of suffering, but as a beacon of hope and salvation.
Many: Though we mourn today, we remember that darkness does not have the final word.
 One: Through Jesus, light and hope prevail.
Many: We stand in faith, knowing that Christ's sacrifice opens the way to everlasting hope and life.
 One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
Many: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 One: Gracious God, as we reflect on the depth of Jesus' sacrifice, fill our hearts with hope
Many: May God's hope sustain us and may God's wondrous love save us.

HYMN 200 [What Wondrous Love Is This](#) WONDROUS LOVE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, write your love upon our hearts that we might bless others as you have blessed us. On this Good Friday, we dare to remember your immense interest and investment in humanity. Your concern was so great that it walked toward betrayal and into death for the sake of our salvation. Breathe on us, breathe of God. Be with us, gracious God. Stay here with us, yet awhile. In your holy name we pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CENTERING WORDS

CHRIST'S PASSION IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

"Surely not I, Lord?" [Matthew 26:20-25](#)
 "See, my betrayer is at hand." [Matthew 26:42-52](#)

Hymn 196, verses 1 & 2 [Go to Dark Gethsemane](#) REDHEAD

"What is your verdict?" [Matthew 26:57-68](#)
 "I do not know the man!" [Matthew 26:69-75](#)

Hymn 197 [Beneath the Cross of Jesus](#) ST. CHRISTOPHER

"Are you the King of the Jews?" [Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14](#)
 "Let him be Crucified!" [Matthew 27:15-23](#)

Hymn 202 [O Sacred Head, Now Wounded](#) PASSION CHORALE

"Hail, King of the Jews!" [Matthew 27:27-31](#)
 "My God, my God, why..." [Matthew 27:45-50](#)

Anthem *Here Yet Awhile* J. S. Bach
 Michelle Kayser, Tsehai Marson, Maria Soaft, Linda Bronstein,
 Michael Loveland, Ben Cantor, Bob Ball, Paul Truebig

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Christ Jesus, we know that your kingdom is not from this world.
All: We pray that your kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven.
 One: You came to testify to the truth.
All: We pray that your will might be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 One: You claim us and call us to abide in your truth.
All: Forgive our failings, as we forgive those who err against us.
 One: We know that you did not come for worldly glory.
All: But all honor and glory is yours, Christ Jesus, now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE [Were You There](#) Spiritual
 Michelle Kayser, Tsehai Marson, Maria Soaft, Linda Bronstein,
 Michael Loveland, Ben Cantor, Bob Ball, Paul Truebig